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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 13, 1915

Pursuant to the call for the meeting, the Executive Committee met on March 13, 1915, at 3 o'clock p.m., at No. 2 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C.

Present:

Hon. John W. Foster, <i>Chairman</i>	Mr. Charles Henry Butler
Hon. Chandler P. Anderson	Mr. Jackson H. Ralston
Mr. James Brown Scott.	

Communications were received and read from the Honorable George Gray, Honorable Robert Lansing, Honorable Elihu Root and Professor George G. Wilson.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the Program of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Society, which had been referred to the Executive Committee because it was found to be inconvenient for the Committee on the Ninth Annual Meeting to assemble for that purpose.

Letters from Professor Philip Marshall Brown and Professor James W. Garner, members of the Committee on the Ninth Annual Meeting, suggesting topics for the program of the meeting were received and read.

An invitation from the Chairman of the Section on International Law of the Second Pan American Scientific Congress, inviting the Society to participate in the meeting of that Congress to be held in Washington, December 27, 1915, to January 8, 1916, was laid before the Committee. In view of this invitation, and considering that the proposed Congress would be officially convened and supported by the Government of the United States and was likely to awaken interest in all the other American countries, the Executive Committee deemed it desirable and advisable that the Society should take part in the proceedings of the Congress, and accordingly decided to postpone the Ninth Annual Meeting until that time, so that it might be held in conjunction with the meeting of the Congress. It was further decided that the Society should hold its regular meeting and discuss its own

program in connection with the meeting of the Congress, and should reciprocate the courtesy of the Congress in inviting the members of the Society to take part in its program by extending an invitation to the members of the Congress in attendance upon the Section of International Law to attend and take part in the Society's meetings.

The Recording Secretary was directed to send out a circular notice to the members of the Society notifying them of this action.

Whereupon the Executive Committee at 4.10 o'clock p.m. adjourned.

JAMES BROWN SCOTT,
Recording Secretary.

[Circular]

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31, 1915.

To the Members of the American Society of International Law:

The Executive Committee on March 13, 1915, held a meeting at No. 2 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C., to consider the program of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Society, which had been referred to it because it was found to be inconvenient for a sufficient number of members of the Committee on the Ninth Annual Meeting to assemble for that purpose. There were present at the meeting the following members:

Honorable John W. Foster, *Chairman*,
Honorable Chandler P. Anderson,
Mr. Charles Henry Butler,
Mr. Jackson H. Ralston,
Mr. James Brown Scott.

Communications were received from the following members:

Honorable George Gray,
Honorable Robert Lansing,
Honorable Elihu Root,
Professor George G. Wilson.

At the meeting an invitation from the Chairman of the Section on International Law of the Second Pan American Scientific Congress was laid before the Committee, inviting the Society to participate in the meeting of that Congress to be held in Washington from December 27, 1915, to January 8, 1916. The preliminary program of the Congress is being sent you under separate cover. The subjects to be discussed in the Section on International Law will be found on pages 32 to 35.

It will be noted that it is expected that the first session of the American Institute of International Law will also be held in connection with the Congress. This newly organized Institute is made up of representatives of national societies of international law formed in the different Pan American countries, of which a number are already in existence. You will recall that at the last meeting of the Society it was voted to affiliate and coöperate with this Institute. (Proceedings for 1914, pp. 231-232.)

In view of the invitation to participate in the Congress, which is officially convened and supported by the Government of the United States and which will

awaken interest in all the other American countries, the Executive Committee deemed it desirable and advisable that the Society should take part in the proceedings of the Congress and accordingly decided to postpone the Ninth Annual Meeting until that time so that it may be held in conjunction with the meeting of the Congress. It is expected not only that the members of the Society will take part in the meetings of the Section on International Law of the Congress, but that the Society itself will hold its regular meeting to discuss its own program, which will be arranged with the dates of meeting and sent out in due course, and hold its annual banquet as usual.

JOHN W. FOSTER,
Chairman.

JAMES BROWN SCOTT,
Recording Secretary.